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Idaho Milk Production up 7.8 Percent

Idaho milk production during April 2006 totaled 884 million pounds, a 7.8 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 11 million pounds from March 2006, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Revised production for March 2006 totaled 895 million pounds, up 2 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 8.0 percent above March 2005. Average milk production per cow in April 2006 was 1,850 pounds, down 30 pounds from March 2006, and unchanged from April 2005. The average number of milk cows during April was 478,000 head, up 2,000 head from March 2006, and up 35,000 head from April 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 14.2 billion pounds, up 3.7 percent from April 2005. March revised production, at 14.6 billion pounds, was up 5.6 percent from March 2005. The March revision represented an increase of 25 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,727 pounds for April, 37 pounds above April 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.24 million head, 124,000 head more than April 2005, and 13,000 head more than March 2006.

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